# Like All Brothers, Briton and Yank Will Be Snippy at Times

# The Family Right to Criticize

An Explanation of Much Anglo-American contests, Boy Scout jamborees, make Faultfinding

is not a mutual admiration society.

Family Familiarities

By Arthur S. Draper London, August 15. other platitudinous phrases are or were gracious compliment. heard on both sides of the Atlantic whenever Britons and Americans gathered together-generally along about the port or liqueur courses of the din-American's "Hurrah!" had all the zip of a cork drawn from a bottle which that it is really none of our business, are rested in the cellars of Rheims.

The Morning Post summarizes the situation thus:

"Here let it be said that the en
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and the poor, pretty girl who was

Generally this "brother" business can be divided into three stages. First, if we are English, we say "all damned Americans, "rot." heard of brothers living a Jonathan and David existence with the world filled with big and little plums? As for cousins, it serves them jolly well right if they are "across the sea."

#### The Banquet Stage

In the second stage there must be some excuse for a banquet, and the one of those toasts offering considera-

car, can discuss an international yacht race and at the close pass the matchbox without indulging in the exaggerated gestures of a French cavalier.

there is a whole lot in common when you reach the third stage, but by that time little is said about "brothers" and

in this stuff about a great Anglowhy we are so critical of each other. We set a high standard for the family and fall heavily on the member who from below our family standard. Maybe that is an explanation of the conocles and braces; contrariwise of ne button lounge suits, green felt hats, hewing gum and frosted chocolate. Certainly this Anglo-American family

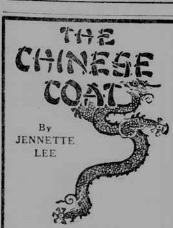
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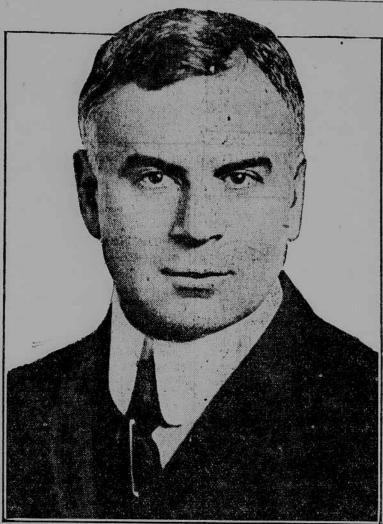
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#### Mr. Root's Speech

Elihu Root touched just the right justice and liberty."

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### Notes of Books And of Writers

Perhaps all this is slightly unrelated to books, but then so is lawn tennis and cold and Ports. After a brief acquaintance of five years and a few other topics which must be coming novel, The Purple Heights, LOOD is thicker than water," I am always prepared when I am in-"our cousins across the seas," "the Anglo-Saxon brotherhood" and a lot of brotherhood" and a lot of brotherhood" and a lot of brotherhood and a lo the Naval War contains high and she went up into the piney woods tribute to the American naval contri- country some thirty miles above the

but nevertheless we are compelled trance of the United States into the the victim was discovered by her own some details, which are unbelievably fiendish. So all the men up in Effingham are beating through the swamps with dogs, because the negro hasn't yet been captured. The thing happened about five miles from us-as was stopping in a rather retired spot, sleeping in a big octagonal room upstairs, with the trees tapping on the windows at night, and the outside world so dark! And the men of the house were out in the swamps. So I couldn't sleep for horror and terror, and I couldn't work and my nerve broke, and I came home. There are policemen stationed along all the roads leading into Savannah, and armed guards at the Chatham jail, because there was danger of an assault on the jail if the negro was caught and lodged there. And if he is caught, and can't be lodged there, we shall have a lynching in Effingham. There was open talk of a burning. So you see why I ran away, without doing any work. I am him, take him to the girl's home and hang him decently and at once. That will save trouble.

"I mention this, first, to explain my delay in replying to your letter: I Georgia people at times go crazy over

#### A Preacher Writes Novels

chapels in England, and he uses his novelists, dramatists and poets of leisure time for literary work.

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Robinson and Alice Corbin Henderson, was unable to decide between the two There was no stressing, no exaggera-tion. He admitted there was pinprick-but the annual award of \$500 went to the followers of Wycliffe, who were the reason for Anglo-American friendship in their common "conceptions of Miss Cromwell."

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"In my mind, such as it is, bassoons hobnob with pelicans."

borg, yet his "forms" are not without charm. When the metaphor does not obliterate the picture, the "form" is something that is distinctively Kreym-

Jorothy" sequence:

Her hair
is a tent
held down by two pegs—
ears, very likely—
where two gypsies—
lips, dull folk call them—
read your soul away;
one promising something,
the other stealing it.
If the pegs would let go—
why is it they're hidden?
and the tent
blow away—drop away—
like a wig—or a nest—
maybe
you'd escape
paying coin
to gypsies—
maybe—

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borg, as in "Her Hair," from the "Beneath the wondrous earth.

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